

**Minutes of Evening Meeting
State Board for Community and Junior Colleges
August 17, 2000**

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges' evening meeting was held on Thursday, August 17, 2000, at the Edison Walthall Hotel, 225 East Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi, beginning with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Following dinner, those present moved to Ballroom II on the 2nd floor in the hotel for the meeting.

Mr. George Walker, SBCJC Chair, officially called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Because of the attendance of a new member, Mr. Lawrence Warren, Mr. Walker asked all board and staff members to introduce themselves. The following members were present: George Walker, Joanna Heidel, Brenda Collins, Sara Fox, Yvonne Brown, Lawrence Warren, Henry "Bubba" Hudspeth, and John Junkin. New members Veldore Heidelberg and Jimmy Warren were absent. State Board for Community and Junior College staff present included Ethel Ewing, Jason Pugh, Larry Day, Evelyn Webb, Wayne Stonecypher, Olon Ray, Randall Bradberry, Deborah Gilbert and Frankie Walton White.

Mr. Walker then called on Mrs. Fox to give the financial report. The committee of the whole financial agenda items were as follows:

1. The disbursement of Education Enhancement Funds 4080 and 4110 for a total of \$3,027,455 for August 31, 2000
2. Approval of a proposal from G.R.C. & Associates to upgrade the present single-user, stand-alone database system to a web-based data reporting management system in the amount of \$102,072.92
3. Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291 and 4300 -FY 2001

Dr. Ray stated that this year the Workforce Council and State Board for Community and Junior Colleges' reports will be combined in the LBO presentation. Dr. Ray discussed the financial situation that we will face next year; the outlook is dismal.

There being no other business under the finance agenda, Mr. Walker called on Mrs. Joanna Heidel, to lead the discussion pertaining to program agenda items:

1. A request from Hinds Community College for approval of 4 courses to be offered on EdNet,
2. A request from Mississippi Delta Community College to expand their machine tool program from a one year program to a two year technical program,
3. A request from Southwest Mississippi Community College to teach the Healthcare Assistance Program. We received this request late because it was not initially funded by the State Department of Education. Mr. Junkin asked why was it not funded? Dr. Stonecypher said that because funds were not initially available, however, Southwest Mississippi Community College decided to delete a Cosmetology Instructor and therefore freed up funds to pay for the Healthcare Assistant Instructor.

Next, Mr. Walker asked Jason Pugh to report on the Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC) Policies & Procedures. Jason gave background information on the policies for the MSVCC and said that everyone has been involved in this process of developing the policies, from Dr. Ray to the presidents to the instructors. Jason explained the policies briefly and encouraged the Board to read the policies and let him know if they had any questions. Dr. Ray made comments. Mrs. Heidel asked if there is an established minimum and maximum number of students who may enroll in virtual community college classes. Dr. Webb and Jason answered that each college determines the attendance of each class.

Dr. Webb then gave a report on research she undertook pertaining to an Americorps article that Mr. Junkin asked about at last month's meeting. It was reported that the SBCJC does not offer financial support to this group.

Dr. Webb reviewed the nine non-financial performance measures that are a part of the Support Appropriations Bill for FY2000. She gave an overview of each performance measure/standard and the results that were reported by each college. She also distributed a handout of a 3-year comparison and outline of targets for next year.

Following Dr. Webb's report, Dr. Day reported on the public community college transfer students during academic year 1998-99. The report included information on community college students attending public universities as well as how they are performing at those universities. Transfer students are considered as students who earn a minimum of 12 hours at a community college and then transfer to a public university. Dr. Day indicated that for both fall and spring terms, community and junior college transfers performed better than universities' native students. Dr. Ray cautioned Board members on the limitations of the report and the dangers in arriving at inaccurate conclusions.

Dr. Ray then gave some general comments regarding the sanctions issued to Northeast Mississippi Community College (NECC) and Northwest Mississippi Community College (NWCC) for breaking MACJC rules. After receiving a request, Dr. Bradberry conducted an investigation of NECC's violation of recruiting students from out of their district. Also, Dr. Bradberry conducted an investigation that NWCC's football team began practice before the time set forth in the MACJC athletic handbook. Dr. Ray commended Dr. Bradberry for following the rules of the athletic association and also said that when the rules are broken, violators must suffer the consequences. Dr. Bradberry said that the national office has already issued sanctions against NWCC and he also explained the appeal process. Dr. Ray will discuss both situations with the Presidents at next week's MACJC meeting. Dr. Bradberry mentioned that the appeal for NWCC would be held tomorrow afternoon and NECC's appeal will be conducted next week after the MACJC meeting.

Dr. Ray said that Jimmy Robertson will be at the regular board meeting tomorrow to give a report on the lawsuit.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.